



Employer Certification of Firefighter Status

Purpose of the Form

- Use this form either to certify that a member's position meets the requirements for classification as a firefighter for retirement purposes, or to decertify a certified firefighter member to a general member.

Instructions

- Read "About Form RS118A," attached.

Certification Information	
Employer	Employer Number
<input type="checkbox"/> The members listed below are filling the positions indicated below and are designated firefighter members for retirement purposes while so employed, as provided by Idaho Code §59-1302(16) and PERSI Eligibility Rules 300-302 (see page 2).	
<input type="checkbox"/> The members listed below, who were previously certified as firefighter members for retirement purposes, have been reassigned to non-firefighter membership positions and are to be classified as general members.	

PERSI Members			
Name	Social Security Number	Position Title	Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certification	
Title of Appointing Authority, Personnel Officer, or Like Official	Daytime Phone Number Area Code : Phone Number
Signature	Date

PERSI Use Only	
Approved By (by direction of the Retirement Board)	Date



About Form RS118A

Instructions

Complete the form and send it to PERSI. PERSI will verify that the member's position meets the requirements for the classification sought. After the approval, PERSI will return a signed copy of the form to you.

Note: If you have an employee who is terminating from a firefighter position, you do not need to complete this form. However you do need to do the following:

- **Electronic reporting**

Terminate the employee on your *Transmittal Report of Employee Deductions*.

- **Paper reporting**

Terminate the employee on your *Transmittal Report of Employee Deductions* and submit a *Notice of Change in Employment Status* (RS109).

Items on the Form

Certification Information

Check one box only. If the employees are being certified as firefighter members, check the top box. If you are decertifying former firefighter members to general members, check the second box. If you need to submit both certifications and decertifications, use two forms. Do not mix certifications with decertifications.

PERSI Members

Position Title. Enter the title of the position the employee is moving into.

Effective Date. Enter the date the employee begins working in the new position.

Certification

The form is not valid without the title, phone number, and signature of an appointing authority and date signed.

Firefighter Status and Eligibility

Firefighter is defined in Idaho Code §59-1320(16) as an employee, including paid firefighters hired on or after October 1, 1980, whose primary occupation is that of preventing and extinguishing fires as determined by the rules of the board.

Board Rules 300-302

300. DETERMINATION OF FIREFIGHTER (Rule 300). A "firefighter" means an employee whose primary occupation with an employer as defined by Section 59-1302(16), Idaho Code, is that of preventing and extinguishing fires. A firefighter member for retirement purposes is an employee appointed to the position of fire chief by a city council but not eligible to be a "paid firefighter," or the chief fire warden of a timber protective association, or is an employee of either the department of lands or of a timber protective association whose primary position and principal accountability in that position either requires direct supervision of employees engaged in the prevention, presuppression and suppression of wild land fires or requires the performance of those duties as the principal function of the position. A firefighter member for retirement purposes does not include an employee who may be required on occasion to engage in those functions as a secondary requirement of the position. Statutory References: Sections 59-1302(16), 59-1391(f) and 72-1403, Idaho Code. Cross References: (1-1-94)

301. INCORRECT CLASSIFICATION OF FIREFIGHTER (Rule 301). An employer or agency which believes that any position is incorrectly classified as a firefighter position or a non-firefighter position may petition the board for inclusion or exclusion of such position as a firefighter position. Such petition shall be in writing and shall explain in detail the principal duties of the position. The board shall review the petition and evidence, together with such information and evidence as may be presented by the staff of PERSI. The board may decide the matter based upon the information supplied, may request additional information, or may request an oral presentation before the board. Statutory References: Sections 59-1302(16), 59-1391(f) and 72-1403, Idaho Code. Cross References: (1-1-94)

302. "PAID FIREFIGHTER" EXCLUSION FROM RULES 300 AND 301 (Rule 302). The provisions of Rules 300 and 301 of this Chapter do not apply to a "paid firefighter" as defined by Sections 59-1391(f) or 72-1403(A), Idaho Code, or to any references to "firefighter" found in Title 72, Chapter 14, Idaho Code. Statutory References: Sections 59-1302(16), 59-1391(f) and 72-1403, Idaho Code. Cross References: (1-1-94)